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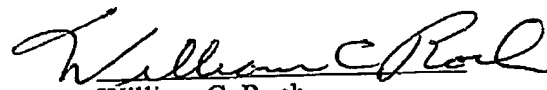
Pursuant to a teleconference today with Patent Examiner S. Loke, this COMMUNICATION is being filed detailing unsuccessful efforts to communicate with the inventor Venkatachalam C. Jaiprakash to have Mr. Jaiprakash execute a new DECLARATION in the subject patent application.

Following a teleconference last week between Examiner Loke and the undersigned attorney, the undersigned attorney contacted IBM and received information that the most recent address they have for Mr. Jaiprakash is 1000 Escalon Avenue, #E2040, Sunnyvale, California 94085, and the most recent telephone number is 408-732-1268. We also have an email address for Mr. Jaiprakash as vc\_jp@hotmail.com.

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The undersigned attorney sent emails to Mr. Jaiprakash on July 23, 2004 and July 26, 2004, attempted to call on July 23, 2004, and received a recording that the telephone number had been disconnected, and sent a letter by U.S. mail to Mr. Jaiprakash on July 26, 2004 that forwarded a new DECLARATION for him to execute and return. To date, we have received no response from Mr. Jaiprakash to any of our communications to him.

However, we just received additional information from IBM giving a new address at 3184 Ingersoll Place, Fremont, CA 94538, and we are forwarding a new DECLARATION to the new address by Federal Express today.

Respectfully submitted,



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